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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-67: Probable Developments in Venezuela

1. NIE-67 was initiated at the suggestion of Mr. Armstrong on a routine basis.

2. No substantive issues arose during the process of coordination with the IAC representatives, all of which occur in the present text. No substantial issue is likely to arise at the IAC meeting.

3. The draft contains a higher proportion of descriptive (as distinguished from estimative) matter than is usual or generally desirable in NIE's. This is largely because the estimate turned out to be negative -- no radical change in the situation is expected -- leaving the paper little function save to describe the situation.

4. The draft does not spell out the proper names of political parties (except that of Accion Democratica) because (1) their names are uncommonly long and either obvious or uninformative, and (2) they are customarily identified by their initials, which afford adequate labels. In case the question arises, however, their names are spelled out below.

COPEI : Comité Organización Política Electoral
Independiente.
PCV : Partido Comunista Venezolano.
PRP (C) : Partido Revolucionario del Proletariado
(Comunista).
URD : Unión Republicana Democrática.

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